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CONCORDIA COUNCIL ON STUDENT LIFE

Minutes of a Meeting held in Room AD-128, Loyola Campus, at 4:45 p.m. on
June 14, 1977

PRESENT: Mr. C. A. Duff, Acting Chairman, Dean A. Audet, Dr. E. Enos, Dean M. Flynn, Mr. J. A. Sproule, Mr. J. Macaluso, Mr. J. Hopkins, Ms. B. Litner, Mr. B. Counihan, Prof. R. Allison, Prof. W. Gilsdorf, Prof. L. Van Toch, Prof. L. Adler, Prof. T. Fancott, Ms. L. Brooks, Ms. N. Marrelli, Mr. J. Robertson, Mr. N. Choo, Ms. S. Saucedo, Mr. A. Vaughan, Mr. E. Griffiths, Ms. N. Cooper, Secretary.

Alternate: Mr. J. Goldner for Mr. F. Denton.

Chairman's Remarks

- 77.8.1.0 Sufficient voting members of Council being present to constitute a regular quorum, Mr. C. A. Duff, Acting Chairman, called the meeting to order.
- 77.8.1.1 Ms. Marrelli reported briefly that, after canvassing all constituencies represented on the Council, she had purchased a pewter mug with inscription which was presented to Mr. Brian Rennie as a token of appreciation of the work he had done as Chairman of Council. Thanks were extended to both Ms. Marrelli and Mr. Duff for the effort they had made in getting the gift to Mr. Rennie before he left Montreal.
- 77.8.1.2 Mr. Duff explained that Mr. Rennie had asked him to chair this meeting in his absence and called upon Prof. Adler to present the report of the Search Committee for a new chairman.
- 77.8.2.0 Prof. Adler stated that the Search Committee, representing all areas of CCSL, had met for 1½ hours on June 7, 1977. They had attempted first to define the role of the Chairman of Council. One of the first requisites was that he have an awareness of both campuses. The Committee was also cognizant of the fact that, while the Rector felt a great deal of progress had been made, he was not completely satisfied with the operation of CCSL in 1976/77 - that priorities were not clearly enough defined. In seeking a chairman the Search Committee felt it important that a good ground be established for the future of the Council, that the chairman have the status and presence to bring about a new era in the life of CCSL, and that he be able to assume leadership while being a good listener. Bilingualism and a good knowledge of both campuses were also considered important. After consideration of all submissions the Committee voted in favour of presenting the name of Professor F. W. Bedford as Chairman of CCSL for 1977/78. Prof. Bedford had indicated his willingness to accept this nomination.

It was MOVED by Prof. Adler, SECONDED by Dean Flynn

"THAT Professor F. W. Bedford be named Chairman of Concordia Council on Student Life for 1977/78."

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In giving some background of the nominee, Prof. Adler stated that Prof. Bedford was a graduate of Loyola, had been at Sir George Williams for about 20 years, and had for most of these years taught at least one course at Loyola in order to maintain his very strong roots on that campus. He was Associate Dean of Science at Sir George and is considered one of the best teachers on the campus. He has coached athletics. He had worked with the original Council on Student Services and thus would bring to Council experience relating to this area.

- 77.8.2.1 In answer to several questions regarding other nominees, Mr. Duff stated that the job of the Search Committee was to come back to Council with a recommendation. This had been done, and it was now up to Council to either accept or reject the recommendation of the Search Committee. If the recommendation was not accepted, another committee would have to be formed and the procedures begun again.

If Council wished to debate the names of other candidates, it should not appoint a Search Committee, but rather decide the matter in Committee of the Whole.

In answer to a question about the possible difficulty of a chairman located primarily at the Sir George Campus working with a secretary located on the Loyola Campus, Prof. Adler replied that Prof. Bedford lives near the Loyola Campus and this should present no problem.

In order to help clarify matters and establish confidence in the Search Committee as a group it was proposed that the names of those sitting on the Search Committee and the parts of the community they represented be read to the Council. The Chairman read the following: Mr. Jack Hopkins, Dean of Students Office, SGW, Ms. Bluma Litner, Dean of Students Office, Loyola; Dr. Ed. Enos, Athletics; Mr. J. A. Sproule, Guidance; Mr. Alan Vaughan, DSA; Mr. Jean Robertson, LSA; Mr. Bob Davies, LESA; Ms. Leslie Brooks, PTSA; Prof. Lee Adler, Faculty. Because the decision of the Search Committee was fairly unanimous only one name was put forward.

The question was then asked if it would be appropriate to ask for nominations from the floor. As none were forthcoming, the Chairman called for a vote on the Motion.

MOTION CARRIED.

- 77.8.2.2 At the request of Council, Mr. Duff agreed to inform the successful candidate and also write to the other nominees thanking them for their interest and for allowing their names to stand.
- 77.8.2.3 On MOTION of Mr. Counihan, SECONDED by Mr. Macaluso, the Council unanimously expressed its thanks to the Search Committee for the work it had done, and to Mr. Duff for chairing this meeting.
- 77.8.2.4 Mr. Duff stated that, while he did not know the names of the other nominees for the position of chairman of CCSL, he believed that it would be difficult to find a better person than Prof. Bedford. He is known on both campuses and, being very active in the past, has been a very vital force in improving communications within the SGW Campus.

- 77.8.3.0 He then commented about the business of Council pointing out that the Board of Governors has been most reluctant to increase fees in the student services area. The Board takes the position that student services and the costs thereof are the responsibility of the student body as represented by CCSL. The Board cannot take funds from its operating grant to support student services, thus the Board has been put in the position of referee, a position which it does not seek and does not want.

Several members expressed dissatisfaction with the position in which Council found itself in 1976/77 regarding the budget and the lead time required to implement changes.

The Chairman of the Finance Committee, Mr. Macaluso, reminded the Chair that the Council had been in existence for less than a year and had been given a great deal to do in a very short time. Nevertheless, perhaps a little too late, some very important meetings had been arranged with the Rectorate. A good liaison had been established and he believes it will be a two-way dialogue. CCSL, he said, will be facing very hard choices in the future as to the direction in which student services will go. This he considered to be a primary priority. Fincom will be meeting during the summer, and it and the Priorities Committee have agreed to work very closely with one another in establishing financial and priorities implications for any future action.

Mr. Duff commended the Council on the work that had been done in the previous year. Good progress had been made in a new situation, and he had not heard any comment or criticism within the community or the Board with respect to the work of CCSL last year.

- 77.8.4 Dean Flynn reported that the Directorate has agreed to rotate membership on the Steering Committee and Dean Audet will replace him in 1977/78.

being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.